## STATE OF MONTANA Office of the Governor Executive Order No. 2-2009

## EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST WITHIN THE CITY OF BOZEMAN, GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2009, an explosion occurred in the proximity of the intersection of North Bozeman Avenue and Main Street in Bozeman, Montana; and

WHEREAS, structure fires are burning out of control and a 5 block area around the blast site has experienced damage from the blast and has created an imminent threat of a disaster which timely action can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, an area around the blast site has been evacuated and the downtown area is currently without electricity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bozeman anticipates a need for support from the State of Montana to stabilize this event; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions, pursuant to § 10-3-302 and § 10-3-312, MCA, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health, and property and may expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws, do hereby declare, under § 10-3-302, MCA, that a state of emergency exists in the State of Montana, and authorize the expenditure of funds from the general fund, under § 10-3-312, MCA.

This order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 5<sup>th</sup> day

of March, 2009.

RIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor,

Attest.

LINDA McCULLOCH, Secretary of State